

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-14, and 16-18 have been cancelled.

Claims 4, 15, and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. They were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

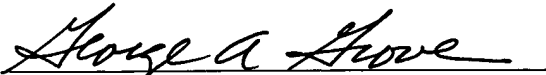
Claim 4 has always been an independent claim. It is respectfully submitted that claim 4 is allowable in its original form. Claim 15 is currently amended by making it an independent claim. Claim 19 had been amended to make it dependent upon claim 15. Claims 15 and 19 are now believed to be in allowable form.

Claim 8 remains in the application as a claim dependent upon allowable claim 4. Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over JP 57-079140A (JP '140) optionally in view of "ASM Handbook: Vol.15 Casting" pp751-752. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider her rejection of claim 8 for the following reasons.

Claim 8 is a dependent claim that recites a cast cylinder block for an internal combustion engine when formed of the alloy recited in allowable claim 4. The Examiner has determined that the alloy of claim 8 is not met by the prior art. Moreover, JP '140 refers to a piston for an internal combustion engine, not a cast cylinder block. It is respectfully submitted that dependent claim 8 is allowable for the reasons that claim 4 is allowable.

It is respectfully requested that claims 4,8,15 and 19 be allowed and this case passed to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,



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